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In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/077,383

Filed: February 15, 2002

For: NUCLEIC ACID
AMPLIFICATION USING AN RNA
POLYMERASE AND DNA/RNA
MIXED POLYMER INTERMEDIATE
PRODUCTS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3693

Examiner:

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time in which to respond is enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.